Complaints of structural and finishing defects in Delhi Development Authority's SFS Flats in Gulabi Bagh

1259. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of complaints had been made to his Ministry and Delhi Development Authority regarding serious structural and finishing defects in the Delhi Development Authority's Flats in Self Financing Scheme in Gulabi Bagh, Delhi during the years 1987 and 1988; and

(b) if so, what action had been taken by the Delhi Development Authority to set matters right and against the contractors for such poor workmanship?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): Yes, Sir.

(b) All the defects were rectified and strengthening measures adopted for structural soundness of the buildings. The expenditure incurred has been debited to the original contractors.

Double membership of Health Schemes of retired Government Employees

1260. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory or compulsory for a retired Central Government officer who takes up a part-time assignment on a remuneration upto Rs. 1000/- p.m. in a Public Ltd. Co. in New Delhi to subscribe towards the Employees State Insurance Corporation Fund, when he is already subscribing on the basis of his last pay drawn to the Central Government Health Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government proposes to take to remedy this anamolous situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) According to section 2(9) of the Employees' State Insurance Act, the Act is applicable to every person employed for wages in or in connection with the work of a factory or establishment to which the Act applies and all such persons are required to pay contribution from the wages, drawn by them. It is, therefore, mandatory for the retired Central Government servant, who takes up a part-time assignment on a remuneration upto Rs. 1600/- per month to subscribe to the ESI Scheme.

(c) The retired Central Government servants are entitled to only medical and hospitalisation facilities under the CGHS. The ESI Scheme on the other hand provides besides medical care, cash benefits in the contigencies of sickness, maternity and employment injury. There is, therefore, no anomaly in the coverage of retired Government servants under the ESI Scheme, which need to be remedied.

Coca Cola versus Pepsi Cola

1261. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coca Cola Company is likely to introduce its products in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pepsi Cola Company is pressurising against its introduction in the coun try;